Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—I do not understand the question.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—For Elanad a higher amount is seen given.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—It is an extremely unhealthy area and therefore an extra allowance is given.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—May I know whether there is no uniformity in these grants?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—Yes. But in Elanad an extra allowance is given. Next year we propose to give extra allowances to Pattikkad and Varandarapilly, as they are unhealthy areas.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—May I know the reason for the disparity in the total amount spent? For one it is Rs. 730 for another it is Rs. 1288.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—Rs. 1288 because of the extra allowance and the other case is because it was not started at the beginning of the year.

Police Constables—punishments—particulars regarding.

251. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Police Constable No. 360 (Narayanan Nayar) has been punished with a fine of seven days' pay in the month of Mithunam 1112;

(b) the dereliction of duty for which he was so punished;

(c) whether two other constables Nos. 345 and 111 were also punished in the same month by ordering them to undergo extra drill;

(d) if so, the date of such punishment?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—(a) Yes.

(b) For allowing a bus which came late to take its next trip against Departmental orders and also the Inspector's special instructions.

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(c) Constable No. 345 has been so punished, but not Constable No. 111.

(d) 23rd Mithunam 1112.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Anthikad*).—May I know by how many minutes was the bus late?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—About half an hour. Over 20 minutes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Anthikad*).—May I know whether constable No. 345 was also punished for allowing buses to go after the prescribed time?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Anthikad*).—For how many hours was 345 asked to undergo drill as a punishment?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—Two hours.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—May I know whether undergoing drill is a punishment?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—Undergoing extra drill.

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Pazhayannur*).—For how many days?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—2 hours.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—Drill must be a sort of thing that is irksome or unwanted. Do you concede that undergoing drill is such a thing?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—It is just like an overdose of castor oil. Drill is compulsory for everybody in the morning. But the punishment is given in the noon.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—Is it not a brutal method of punishment?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—Unless punishment is considered to be brutal it is not.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Anthikad*).—Which is the greater punishment of the two?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—Fining is a more severe punishment.

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Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—What was the amount of fine?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—7 days' pay. I do not remember to which class he belongs, because the pay is 12, 14 or 16 rupees a month.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—What is the offence for which this extra exercise is given?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—In the first case it was a departmental order that buses coming late should not be allowed to take the next trip. In the second case over and above the departmental order that morning the Inspector had called the attention of the constable to a particular bus and told him not to allow the bus to go. Inspite of that special instruction the bus was allowed to go. In the other case the constable used his discretion only.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know the principle underlying in not allowing buses to take trips if they come late?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—To make the buses as regular as possible for the passengers.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Don't you realise that with that laudable object of yours you have lost sight of the fact that stopping one trip of a bus, although a bit late, causes greater hardship to the passengers inasmuch as they will have to wait till the next trip of another bus?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—I am afraid I cannot agree with the Hon'ble member.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—May I know in the case of buses which arrive late which time is given to them for the next trip according to the time limit?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—I want notice.

Murder case within the jurisdiction of Cranganur Police Station—investigation of.

252. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any case of murder occurred within the jurisdiction of the Cranganur Police Station in the month of Medam 1112;

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